WINTER SHOW - Florida State Fair

Hundreds of gorgeous winter blooms of scores of varieties of hibiscus brought prizes, trophies and seals to seven exhibitors in an accredited judged show on the final day at the Florida State Fair.

The show, sponsored by the Sunset and Ridge chapters of the American Hibiscus Society was unique in the fact that it could have been seen nowhere else in this country in February when hibiscus are at their rarest. Mrs. J. M. Wiley, president of the American Hibiscus Society and show director, said the exhibition was the most exotic display ever presented here. Walker Lyon, president of the Sunset Chapter, added that more blossoms had been shown than ever before. It was the thrid annual show of its kind at the 11-day exposition.

O. H. Hinson of St. Petersburg was amateur sweepstakes winner with the most blue ribbons. Pagano Nursery of Pinellas Park won the commercial Sweepstakes and also had the best commercial double variety (June Bride).

Bill Cutler, St. Petersburg, presented the best amateur double (Prom Girl) and the best amateur miniature (Tiny).

Other tri-color ribbon winners included C. Shaffer, Fort Myers, best amateur semi-double (Hurricana); Frank Miller, Largo, best amateur single (Latin Rhythm); and Bob Bowman, Daytona Beach, best seedling (Seven-E).

Carver and Roxy Nursery, Mount Dora, took three tri-color ribbons in the commercial division for the best commercial semi-double (Temptation); best commercial single (Isabel Barling); and best commercial miniature.

A Hawaiian fashion show and entertainment, with a luncheon for hibiscus society members, were features of the program.

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NEW SEEDLINGS

Friendship 7 - by H. E. Shaffer, Ft. Myers.

Size 7¼". 10 RP 3/10 Deep Purplish Red throat
7.5 RP 4/11 strong Purplish Red eye zone,
7.5 RP 5/12 Petal Color strong Purplish Red
10R 7/9 strong yellowish pink shading to 5YR 8/7 edge light orange. Stigma pads red.

Stigma column same as throat shading into light
5 RP 8/5 light purplish pink.

Reverse Petals 2.5 Y 9/9 edging one-half of petal
10 RP 8/5 moderate pink other half of petal veined with 7.5 RP 7/10 strong purplish pink.
Heavy textured

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